



Georgia Department of Human Resources

HIV/AIDS AT A GLANCE

fact sheet

The Facts

- As of December 2004, Georgia has the seventh highest number of AIDS cases in the United States. Through the end of 2004, there were 27,821 cases reported in Georgia. Over half of these people – 14,702 (53%) – have died. For cases reported during 2004, Georgia also had the eighth highest rate of AIDS cases per 100,000 population.
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the virus that causes AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 14,596 to 27,234 living adults and adolescents in Georgia were aware that they were infected with HIV (but did not have AIDS) in 2004.
- During 2004, public health clinics in Georgia performed 99,908 HIV antibody tests, with an overall positivity rate of 1.6 percent.
- The Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides FDA-approved medications to low-income individuals with HIV disease who have limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid. The program provides 50 medications to more than 4,600 eligible individuals. Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy (HAART), which typically includes a combination of three or four medications, costs nearly \$10,000 per year per patient through the Georgia ADAP.

The Resources

- In FY 2001, Georgia received more than \$29 million through Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act for primary care and support services (including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program).
- HIV testing and counseling, are available at all county health departments and their satellite programs, such as teen clinics and family planning centers, as well as publicly funded community-based organizations, university student health clinics, and various outreach projects.
- Approximately 400 children born to HIV-positive mothers are being monitored by a consortium of health and social services providers throughout Georgia.
- The Prevention Services Branch in DHR's Division of Public Health funds 43 community-based organizations and county health departments to provide AIDS education to people at risk for HIV infection.

For more information about HIV/AIDS, contact the Georgia AIDS Information Line at 1-800-551-2728. This service is provided by DHR, through a contract with AID Atlanta.